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Dear Sir:

The attached Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is submitted herewith in response to a conversation between Ms. Stokes of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and April Lagro, a Legal Secretary at Merchant & Gould P.C., on May 9, 2001. Ms. Stokes requested that a copy of the executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney document for Serial No. 09/577,653 be forwarded by facsimile. Ms. Stokes stated that the United States Patent and Trademark Office prepared a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated July 20, 2000 but never mailed that document to Merchant & Gould P.C. Ms. Stokes informed April Lagro that if the document was faxed to her attention, she would enter the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in the application file and proceed with the application.

Please contact Applicant's representative John P. Sumner at (612)336-4624, or  
Applicant's undersigned representative, with any questions.



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